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1. NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES TO CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY CLOSED
JUNE 30. PARTIAL, PRELIMINARY LISTS WHICH HAVE BEEN RE-
LEASED MAKE IT CLEAR THAT SEVERAL BIG NAME FORMER POLITICIANS
HAVE ENTERED THE RACE. THERE ARE ALSO SOME ASPIRING NEW-
COMERS.

2. AMONG THE MANY WELL-KNOWN FORMER NATIONAL OFFICE HOLDERS
ARE:

ALHAJI SHEHU SHAGARI (SOKOTO STATE); SHETTIMA ALI MONGUNO
(BORNO); FORMER FEDERAL MINISTERS DR. K.O. MBADIWE, JAJA
WACHUKU, DR. B.U. NZERIBE, R.B.K. OKAFOR (IMO); S.O. IGE,
CHIEF R.A.O. AKINJEDE, CHIEF A.M.A. AKINLOYE, CHIEF DR.
KOLAWOLE BALOGUN (OYO); CHIEF OLUJIMI AYODELE FAGBENRO-
BEYIOKU AND BIOLA AYINLA OSHODI (LAGOS).

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3. OTHER ONE-TIME POLITICIANS AND OFFICE HOLDERS INCLUDE:

MALAM ABUBAKAR JALINGO (ONE-TIME SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNITED
MIDDLE BELT CONGRESS-PLATEAU); ALHAJI IBRAHIM DASUKI, ONE
TIME CHAIRMAN OF NIGERIA RAILWAY CORPORATION (SOKOTO);
ALHAJI KEM SALEM, RETIRED IGP (BORNO); CHIEF BISI ONABANJO
AND DR. TUNJI OTEGBEYE (OGUN); ALHAJI GARBA JA ABDULKADIR,

RETURNED SMG OF FORMER NORTH CENTRAL STATE (KADUNA); AND
CHIEF R.A. FANI-KAYODI, ONE-TIME DEPUTY PREMIER OF FORMER
WESTERN REGION (OYO).

4. SOME OTHER NOTEWORTHY KANDIDACIES: DR. IYA ABUBAKAR,
VICE CHANCELLOR ABU (GONGOLA); CHIEF OF M.K. ABIOLA, CHAIR-
MAN ITT, NIGERIA (OGUN); ALAM ADAMU CIROMA (RETIRED GOVER-
NOR, CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA - BORNO); MALAM TURI MUHAMMADU,
MANAGING DIRECTOR, NEW NIGERIAN NEWSPAPERS, LTD. (NIGER);
ALHAJI HASSAN GAFI, CHAIRMAN NBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS (KADUNA);
AND ALHAJI BABS ANIMASHAUN, INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS CONSULTANT
(LAGOS).

5. LAWYERS DOMINATE CANDIDACIES THUS FAR ANNOUNCED, BUT BUSI-
NESSMEN, EDUCATIONALISTS, UNIONISTS ALSO VERY WELL REPRESENTED.
COPIES OF LISTS BEING POUCHED AF/W AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.
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